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(03-118)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
Lex P. Janse, et al) Group Art Unit: Not-Yet-Assigned
Serial No.: 10/623,381)
Filed: July 18, 2003) Examiner: Not-Yet-Assigned
For: BIOCOPATIBLE WIRES AND)
METHODS OF USING SAME TO FILL)
BONE VOID)

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